PUBLIC WORKS AND ELECTRICITY SECRETARIAT

Drawal of pay and allowances of Officers and Staff of Public Works Department by cheques.

READ :—

(i) G. O. No. PWD 84 FBC 72 dated 7th January 1975.

(ii) D. O. Letter No. WAD XI/R3/75 dated 6th June 1978 from the Senior Deputy Accountant General (Works) Office of the Accountant General, Karnataka, Bangalore.

(iii) Letter No. CAO/CCB/A2/AMA/78-79 dated 26th July 1978 from the Chief Engineer, C & B, Bangalore.

PREAMBLE :—

In G. O. dated 7th January 1975 cited at (i) above, sanction was accorded for all payments of pay and allowances of officers and staff of Public Works Department with effect from 1st April 1975, except in the case of Direction and Special Offices etc., by cheques and also to keep all the records which were maintained by the Treasury, in the Divisions.

The Accountant General has brought to the notice of Government that in spite of issue of repeated circulars to the Department communicating the defects noticed in the monthly accounts rendered to his office, the position is still far from satisfactory. With the result his office is finding it difficult to post the deductions made towards G P.F. to accounts of the concerned officials and H.B A., M.C.A., F A. etc., against the debits Chief Engineers, who were consulted in this behalf have stated that with the instruction of pre-audit of establishment bills in the Public Works Divisions from 1st April 1975, the volume of work in the Accounts branch has considerably increased and therefore rendering of accounts incomplete and satisfactory manner of the due date has become difficult. The Chief Engineers are of the opinion that it would be in the interest of the employees of the Public Works Department to cancel G. O. No. PWD 84 FBC 72 dated 7th January 1975 and revert to the procedure of encashment of establishment, T. A. and contingent bills at the treasuries instead of paying them by cheques in the divisional offices.

ORDER No. PWD 60 FCR 78, BANGALORE, DATED THE 19TH JANUARY 1979.

After careful consideration of the case, Government direct that the system of payment of pay and allowances of officers and staff of Public Works Department by cheques introduced in G. O. No. PWD 84 FBC 72 dated 7th January 1975 may be dis-continued with effect from 1st April 1979. The bills will be presented directly at the treasuries as in the case of other Civil Departments of Government. The following consequential changes will also be made :

(i) Wherever separate pre-audit or Pay and Account Office system of payment is in force for establishment bills these may not be disturbed for the divisions also.

(ii) The Public Works Divisons which are keeping the records at present will issue necessary Last Day Certificates in respect of claims of Gazetted Officers. In respect of Non-Gazetted Officers the period upto which sanction is in force may be intimated to the treasuries in order to enable them to honour further payments.

(iii) The treasuries will follow the rules prescribed in the Karnataka Treasury Code andr Financial Code while scrutinising and passing the bills as in the case of othee Departments.

The revised procedure will come into force with effect from 1st April 1979.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

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